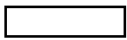


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Mr. Mahon. Mr. McCone, we have found in the past that a briefing by the Central Intelligence Agency at the beginning of our Defense hearing is very important and very helpful to us in our evaluating the defense requirements of the nation.

We have the testimony transcribed and it is made available to you and we keep a copy, but it has never been published, and we do not even show you appeared before the hearings in our committee. There was a time when we did show a briefing by the Central Intelligence Agency in the hearings. We will expect to do this year as we did last year, and we will expect you to give us all the information you can in regard to your operations insofar as information is concerned.

You know there is another subcommittee which handles the detailed operation and the fund requirements for your agency over which Mr. ^{Cannon}~~McCone~~ presides. He is very jealous of his prerogatives in that matter and we have never in any way injected this subcommittee into that particular area. I do not think it is necessary we should.

Will you proceed?

Mr. McCone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

capabilities for strategic offense and defense, the Soviet military posture generally, and the Soviet atomic energy program.

My statements will be at the level of top secret except where I make some references to the Soviet atomic program yield and so forth, and that is in the area of restricted data.

Mr. Mahon. We have always considered this whole presentation as top secret. We do not quote you in our debates and discussion. A lot of information you give us will not be secret, but insofar as you giving it to us in a hearing, it will be secret.

Mr. McCone. I will be followed by Dr. Cline, who will continue with his briefing on the Soviet economy.

This afternoon Mr. Richard Helms, Deputy Director for Operations, will brief you on South Vietnam and Southeast Asia generally, and on Cuba in particular and Latin America.

Mr. Mahon. And Panama?

Mr. McCone. And that will include Panama.

I would like to begin by saying we have a high degree

of confidence in our latest estimates on the Soviet military

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We will resume tomorrow at one o'clock.

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